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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Docket numbers 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 31, 2004, Praveen Goyal of Covad Communications Company, along with Mark Schneider on behalf of Covad, held a telephone conference with Austin Schlick, John Stanley, and Christopher Killion of the Office of General Counsel regarding the above-referenced dockets. During the meeting Covad discussed the need for the Commission to act quickly to preserve access to line sharing beyond the pending October 2004 cut-off of access to new line sharing orders. Covad expressed its support for the Commission reconsidering its phase out of line sharing, and acting quickly to preserve access to line sharing in the interim. Covad also discussed its belief that such actions would be legally sustainable and consistent with previous court opinions.

Respectfully submitted,

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